

gagaku

a touch of hysteria  
enters me as I write  
these gagaku demon poems  
causes me many typos  
irritates me  
now I'm more careful  
I like the poem sheet clean  
of error

I want nothing to interfere with  
my image of them

they were making faces at me  
crazy funny faces  
stretching their lips  
widthwise with  
index talons  
and sticking out green  
pointed tongue  
the tongue changed to a  
squared off yellow  
thing  
it's such a goddamn pleasure to see them  
for I forget everything else  
in this instant

their eyes square or rectangle  
approaching square  
their eyes  
with marbles for  
irises bobbling about inside  
of sockets

I've been encouraged to write of them  
describe them  
a reviewer called them "wonderful"  
he understands

they reach back and down  
touch their heels  
heels of black businessmen's shoes  
pull off shoes  
toss them about  
at each other

pull off socks  
multicolored argyle  
strangle one another with their own socks  
laughing all the  
while